

**COMMUNITY DIALOG ON
GANG ACTIVITY & REVITALIZATION
IN THE
HERITAGE/ANNANDALE AREA OF BRADDOCK DISTRICT
February 11th - June 9th, 2004**

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Revitalize neighborhoods – Which may include:

**Establishment of Neighborhood Watch
Block Parties, Teas
Welcome Wagons
Neighborhood "Mentors"
Braddock Nights Concerts at Ossian Hall Park**

Community members participating in Dialog (Bob Wilson, Skip Chaples, Bo Tumas), will take lead. Braddock District Council (President, Jan Heditniemi) should be asked for help with reorganizing community association structure.

2. Establish Stronger School-Community Partnership – Which may include:

**More and Longer After School Activities – Sports, Middle School Programs
Teen Center serving Annandale High School
Involve and Support Annandale Community Coalition
Engage the kids in Planning for Activities and Programs
Host Programs for Adults in the Schools (i.e. English Language programs)**

The Partnership for Youth (Mark Emery), Annandale H.S. School Community Coalition, Fairfax County Community Recreation Services (Evan Braff), and Annandale H.S. Principal (Rod Manuel) will take lead.

3. Coordinate Communication and Outreach to the Community on Gang Activity, Intervention and Prevention Resources – Which may include:

**Research and Sharing of Information About Gangs – What to look for, What to Report, What to do if you have a gang-involved friend or family Member.
Utilize Media and other Promotional Outlets
Employ Multilingual Outreach
Would Likely be a County-wide Initiative but message can be tailored to Annandale/Heritage area.**

Fairfax County Police (Col Chuck Peters) agreed to take the lead on this item.

4. Establish Job/Employment Programs, Focusing on Young People in the Annandale Area.

Use Existing Employment Programs at Annandale High School and Workforce Development at NVCC

Annandale High School Principal, Rod Manuel, will take lead and coordinate with NVCC.

5. Increase and Enhance Community Policing/Presence in the Annandale/Heritage Community.

Fairfax County Police (West Springfield Commander, Capt. Hurlock) will take lead on this.